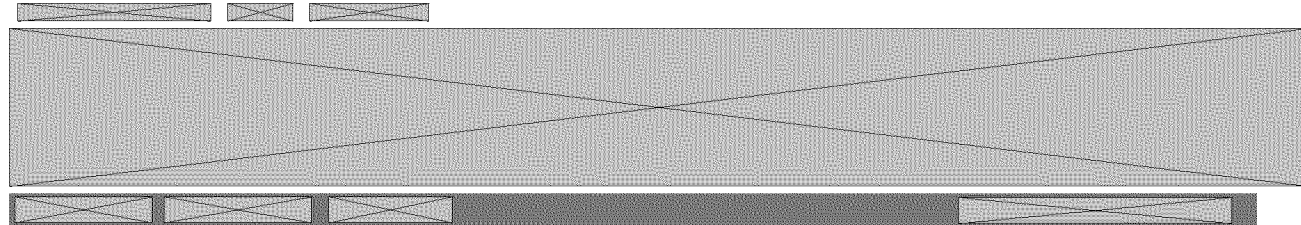


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Afternoon Briefing - Your Preview of Today's News

The following news provides a snapshot of what Bloomberg BNA is working on today. Read the full version of all the stories in the final issue, published each night.

Conference on Water Resources Bill 'Desirable': Rep. DeFazio

Posted September 09, 2016, 3:13 P.M. ET

By [Rachel Leven](#)

The House could act on water resources legislation during the lame duck rather than this month, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee ranking member Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.) told reporters today.

DeFazio said he and committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) believe a conference on the water resources bill would be "desirable." Funding included in the Senate version (S. 2848) of the bill to address the drinking water crisis in Flint, Mich., as well as disparities in funding levels between the chambers, could be some sticking points for some House Republicans, he said. The Senate may vote on its water resources bill as soon as next week, while the House isn't scheduled yet to vote on its version (H.R. 5303) on the floor.

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Carbon Price Remains Flat

Posted September 09, 2016, 10:16 A.M. ET

By [Gerald B. Silverman](#)

The price of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative carbon allowances sold for \$4.54 each in RGGI's latest auction—a \$0.01 increase from its last auction, RGGI announced today.

The auction raised \$67.6 million for the nine states that participate in the cap-and-trade program—Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. About 15 million allowances were sold.

The last auction took place June 1.

Possible Louisiana Flood Aid May Spawn Flint Funds: Rep. Kildee

Posted September 09, 2016, 2:51 P.M. ET

By [Rachel Leven](#)

The potential for federal funding to address damages from flooding in Louisiana may offer an opportunity for getting Congress to send money to Flint, Mich., Rep. Dan Kildee (D-Mich.) told Bloomberg BNA today.

While Kildee declined to state specifics, he said he has talked to Louisiana lawmakers about getting Congress to send funds to both communities. In Flint, the damages center on the widespread exposure of the city's residents to high levels of lead in their drinking water for more than a year.

"It would be tough for me to accept the idea that we're going to deal with these emerging crises and leave one of them out, so I would push very hard that Flint ought to be included," Kildee said.

Judge Denies Tribe's Attempt to Stop Pipeline Construction

Posted September 09, 2016, 4:22 P.M. ET

By [Mark Wolski](#)

A federal court in Washington, D.C., today denied the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's attempt to stop the construction of the Dakota Access pipeline, ruling that it failed to show it would be irreparably harmed by the 1,200-mile project.

U.S. District Judge James E. Boasberg ruled that the tribe was unable to show that preventing further U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' activity near its reservation would stop damage or harm to cultural sites located on private property also near the reservation.

Despite the ruling, the Corps of Engineers announced that it would not authorize any further pipeline construction on its lands bordering or under Lake Oahe until it has determined whether it needs to reassess its previous decisions regarding the site under the National Environmental Policy Act. It also asked Dakota Access to voluntarily pause all construction activity within 20 miles east or west of the lake.

Some 86 Gigawatts of Offshore Wind Power Seen Under U.S. Plan

Posted September 09, 2016, 1:54 P.M. ET

By [Rebecca Kern](#)

Some 86 gigawatts of offshore wind power could be developed in the U.S. by 2050 with the help of a new national [strategy](#) issued today by the Energy and Interior departments.

The strategy discusses the potential for offshore wind farms off the U.S. coastline, which the government says could produce low, long-term fixed cost energy, reduce electricity prices, and improve energy security.

The agencies released the report following a tour of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center's Wind Technology Test Center in Boston by Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz and Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. The testing center, funded by the DOE, is designed to help the wind industry test next generation land-based and offshore wind turbines.

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